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US Army Corps Of Engineers Awards Upper Charleston Harbor Dredging Contract

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CHARLESTON, S.C.--- The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District awarded a \$26,848,259 contract to Marinex Construction Co., Inc. of Johns Island, S.C. on Feb. 14 to the deepen the upper reaches of Charleston Harbor.

Dredging will begin this April at Shipyard Creek and continue up the Cooper River to, and including, the turning basin at the North Charleston Terminal.

“Approximately seven million cubic yards of material will be removed to deepen the existing channel from 40 feet to 45 feet,” said Lincoln Blake, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston District’s Charleston Harbor project manager. The job also includes the maintenance dredging of the same area. All dredge material will be placed in the Clouter Creek Dredge Material Disposal Area.

“The primary purpose of this project is to provide safer and more efficient navigation of vessels using the Port of Charleston,” said Blake.

This project is expected to be completed the summer of 2004.